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Big Sam's Funky Nation headlines Hometown Holidays in May.

Boogie Down to Big Easy Sounds, Rock and More Memorial Day Weekend

Hometown Holidays to Feature Four Stages, Local Food Favorites and Kids' Fun

More than 25 local, regional and national performing artists will take the stage as the streets of Rockville Town Center come alive with music, amusements and the best local food during the Hometown Holidays Music Fest, Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28.

The 29th annual Memorial Day weekend music festival is a destination for music lovers, featuring performances on four stages across six city blocks.

"Laissez les bons temps rouler" ("Let the good times roll") with three acts who call New Orleans home on the Bud Light Beach Stage. Big Sam's Funky Nation brings its "Noladelic Powerfunk" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Honey Island Swamp Band plays bayou Americana and roots rock at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Mardi Gras Indian funk band Cha Wa represents the Big Easy on the stage at 4 p.m. Saturday. Maryland represents on the stage with roots reggae from Baltimore's Jah Works at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and the "phat blues music" of Baltimore's Kelly Bell Band at 4 p.m. Sunday joined by the original "Bad Boys of Bethesda," The Nighthawks, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Artists on the Maryland Avenue Stage will include:

- The Appalachian rock of Big Daddy Love at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.
- The folk/rock/country of Shane Smith & The Saints at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

- The '70s lo-fi pop/rock/contemporary soul/blues of Hannah Gill & the Hours at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.
- The funk/reggae/rock/hip-hop of Tropidelic at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

The weekend will once again feature favorite food from local restaurants at the Taste of Rockville, kids' amusements, the return of "the beach" sand pile and the 73rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 29.

Visit "City of Rockville Hometown Holidays" on Facebook, where a new musical act will be profiled each week on #MusicMonday. Find the full lineup at www.rockvillemd.gov/hometownholidays.

Apply Now for a Spot in the Memorial Day Parade

Rockville's 73rd Annual Memorial Day Parade will march through Rockville Town Center with a variety of marching bands, drill and pompom units, floats and other displays at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

Rockville's parade is a juried event, with more than \$3,000 in cash prizes expected to be distributed over five parade categories. The deadline has been extended to Friday, April 28 for organizations or individuals to apply to march in the parade.

Learn more about the parade and download parade rules and regulations, and the parade application, at www.rockvillemd.gov/memorialdayparade. +

Rockville Scores High Marks in 2016 Community Survey

Ninety-two percent of Rockville residents who responded to the city's ninth biennial community survey once again described the city's overall quality of life as excellent or good. Eighty-six percent of respondents rated the city's overall quality of services as excellent or good.

Results from the 2016 community survey were presented to the Mayor and Council at their March 27 meeting. The scores help identify areas where the city can better serve its residents.

"It is through continuous course correction that the Mayor and Council and city staff can ensure the work of the city meets the expectations of the Rockville community," a staff report on the survey states.

In a change from previous surveys, a majority of residents said they preferred to receive information about Rockville through its website, www.rockvillemd.gov. In past years' surveys, "Rockville Reports," the city's newsletter, has been the top-rated preference for residents,

with the website second.

The 2016 survey, which was conducted by the National Research Center, randomly selected 3,000 residents to receive survey forms, 1,000 more residents than in prior years. The larger sample makes the survey more accurate.

About 37 percent (1,066) of the surveys were returned. In 2014, 41 percent of surveys were received. In general, response rates for mailed resident surveys range from 25 to 40 percent.

The 2016 survey results are broken down by six distinct geographic areas of the city to allow for a more detailed analysis that will help the city address issues specific to those areas: King Farm/Fallsgrove, middle and north of MD 28, east and north of 28, east and south of 28, middle and south of 28, and west of Interstate 270. Previous surveys identified only three areas of the city.

For more details and to see the 2016 survey and surveys from previous years, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/survey. +

Benchmarks

The National Research Center, which conducted the 2016 community survey for Rockville, compares survey scores to results from 500 other jurisdictions nationwide as a benchmark. Those jurisdictions include other Maryland municipalities, such as Gaithersburg, College Park, Annapolis and Takoma Park.

The 2016 survey indicated some positive changes over 2014's benchmarks:

Higher ➤ Much Higher

- ✓ Crime prevention.
- ✓ Pleased with Rockville's direction.
- ✓ Visited/used a recreation facility.
- ✓ Visited/used a park.

Similar ➤ Much Higher

- ✓ Traffic enforcement.

Similar ➤ Higher

- ✓ Rockville 11 (cable channel 11) programming.

Much Higher than Benchmark (new this year)

- ✓ Rockville's overall image/reputation.
- ✓ Use of public transportation rather than driving.

BY THE NUMBERS:

Residents' ratings that were "excellent" or "good"

92%
QUALITY OF LIFE

88%
ROCKVILLE AS A PLACE TO RAISE CHILDREN

90%
RECYCLING COLLECTION

88%
RECREATION FACILITIES

86%
QUALITY OF SERVICES

88%
QUALITY OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

85%
REFUSE COLLECTION

Ratings with which respondents agreed or strongly agreed:

72%
CITY WELCOMES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Apply by April 28 to be in the 73rd Annual Memorial Day Parade.

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Shady Grove Neighborhood Center

A major new development is seeking approval to redevelop seven office buildings at the southeast corner of Shady Grove and Gaither roads as a small mixed-use community. Currently in the early concept phase as a project plan, the project would comprise a maximum of 1,600 multi-unit dwellings and 330 townhouse units, a maximum of 850,000 square feet of nonresidential uses, including office, retail, hotel and/or institutional uses. Public open spaces, new street connections and other amenities would be included if the project is approved as proposed.



Upper Rock Retail Coming Soon

As the final phase of the Upper Rock project takes shape at the corner of Shady Grove and Choke Cherry roads, a recently approved amendment to the project plan allowed nearly 35,000 square feet of retail space to be added to the Gables Upper Rock apartment development. Four buildings will contain a mix of service, restaurant and other retail tenants. Already announced to open are MOM's Organic Market and CVS Pharmacy.

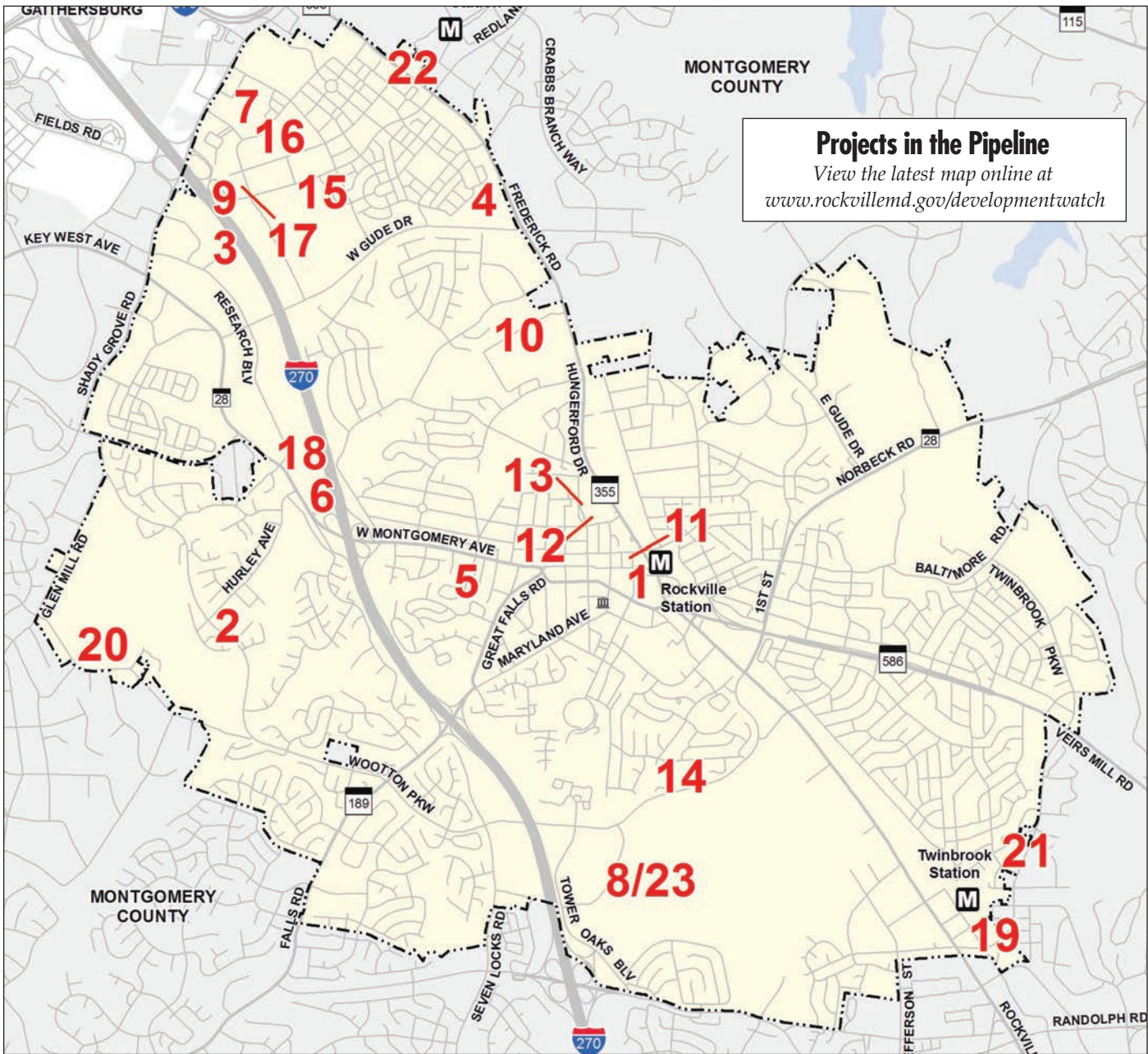


King Farm Townhomes Completed

Fifty-three new townhomes at the west end of King Farm Boulevard are now completed and being occupied as the King Farm planned development nears its full build-out. Once slated for over 260,000 square feet of office, in December 2014 the Mayor and Council approved 76 residential townhomes for this site and a site across the street. The four-story townhomes are about 1,700 to 2,200 square feet, with rear decks, rooftop terraces and rear-facing garages from shared alleys. Moderately priced units are dispersed throughout the development.

Know the Process, Stay Informed

- The Rockville community is encouraged to take part in decisions about development projects in the city. Below are a few ways to stay informed:
- Check the latest major planning applications at www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch for status updates on projects in your neighborhood and throughout Rockville.
 - Attend an area meeting led by project applicants to provide input on certain projects before consideration by city boards or commissions.
 - Find meeting schedules, agendas and information packets for the Mayor and Council and all boards and commissions at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.
 - Call 240-314-8200 to ask about projects near you.



Major Development Review Applications

Pre-Application Submittals

The following applications have been submitted to the city for pre-application review:

1. **50 Monroe Place (senior housing):** Pre-application for a 175-unit senior apartment development. Case #PAM2017-00096.
2. **2401 Wootton Parkway (Rockshire Village Shopping Center):** Pre-application for a proposed townhouse development. Case #PAM2016-00095.

Applications Under Review

The following applications are currently in the development review process:

3. **4 Research Place (self-storage):** Level 1 site plan for an 88,000-square-foot self-storage facility. Case #PAM2015-00090.
4. **45 W. Gude Drive (Rockville Mews):** Level 2 site plan to allow for development of 83 townhome units. Case #STP2017-00298.
5. **500 W. Montgomery Ave. (Chestnut Lodge):** Project plan amendment for a proposed seven-unit townhouse development. Case #PJT2015-00005.
6. **1251 W. Montgomery Ave. (self-storage):** Level 2 site plan for a proposed self-storage facility. Case #STP2017-00300.
7. **15825 Shady Grove Road (Shady Grove Neighborhood Center):** Pre-application for a proposed mixed-use development. Case #PAM2017-00098.
8. **Preserve Parkway (Tower Oaks residential):** Level 2 site plan implementing approved project plan amendment PJT2016-00006 for up to 375 residential units to replace approximately 755,000 square feet of office development approved under the current planned development. Case #STP2017-00308.
9. **Redland Boulevard at I-270 (self-storage):** Pre-application for a proposed self-storage facility. Case #PAM2016-00094.

Recently Approved Applications

The following applications were recently approved and are currently, or may soon be, under construction:

10. **51 Mannakee St. (Montgomery College - Student Services Center):** Mandatory referral submittal for construction of a new student service building. Approved Aug. 12, 2015. Case #STP2016-00263.
11. **198 E. Montgomery Ave. (Duball Rockville):** Project plan application for an amendment to PDP1994-0001E to allow for the addition of 178 dwelling units to Block 2 and application of a currently approved nonresidential parking waiver to the new

- residential uses. Approved Dec. 8, 2014. Case #PJT2014-00003.
12. **255 N. Washington St. (Rockville Town Center, LLC):** Site plan application for a proposed mixed-use building with 275 dwelling units and approximately 6,000 square feet of street-level commercial. Approved Oct. 22, 2014. Case #STP2014-00214.
13. **285 N. Washington St. (Brightview Rockville Town Square):** Site plan application for a 195-unit rental community for independent senior living and assisted living with street-level retail. Approved July 23, 2014. Case #STP2014-00189.
14. **332 W. Edmonston Drive (Elementary School #5):** Mandatory referral submittal for construction of a new elementary school. Approved Nov. 3, 2015. Case #STP2016-00264.
15. **520-540 Gaither Road (Redland Corporate Center):** Level 2 site plan for a proposed three-phase improvement/addition to an existing office park. Approved Oct. 19, 2016. Case #PAM2015-00092.
16. **701 King Farm Blvd. (Ingleside at King Farm):** Level 2 site plan for an addition to the continuing care retirement community at Ingleside — King Farm. Approved Oct. 19, 2016. Case #PAM2016-00089.
17. **900/901 King Farm Blvd. (King Farm F6/F5):** Proposed developments of 53 and 76 residential townhouses, respectively. Approved Dec. 10, 2014. Case #STP2014-00217/STP2014-00216.
18. **1401 Research Blvd.:** Level 2 site plan proposing a Retail Center with office. Approved June 8, 2016. Case #STP2016-00276.
19. **1900 Chapman Ave.:** Major site plan amendment (STP2012-00112) to change from 339 multi-unit residential to 61 townhouse units. Approved March 23, 2016. Case #STP2015-00251.
20. **9701 Veirs Drive (The Village at Rockville):** Special exception and variance application for a proposed new independent living building. Approved Dec. 3, 2016. Case #SPX2016-00390 & VAR2016-00057.
21. **12720 Twinbrook Parkway (Avalon Bay):** Site-plan application for a proposed 240-unit multifamily residence. Approved Oct. 16, 2015. Case #STP2009-00008.
22. **15931 Frederick Road:** site plan application for a 425-unit multifamily development. Approved March 9, 2016. Case #STP2016-00267.
23. **Tower Oaks — Preserve Parkway:** Project plan amendment to allow up to 366 residential units to replace 755,000 square feet of office under the Tower Oaks planned development. Approved Aug. 1, 2016. Case #PJT2016-00006.



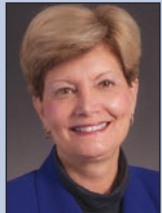
WHAT WE'RE WATCHING ON WWW.YOUTUBE/CITYOFROCKVILLE... Popular Rockville 11 videos for March: What is a Snow Emergency in Rockville?; Rockville Town Hall Meeting on Diversity 2017; Rockville FY18 Budget and CIP Presentation; Stonestreet Corridor Implementation Plan; Rockville City Police Role in Enforcing Federal Immigration Laws; Maryland Municipal League Time to Talk MD — Inclusion; "Rock 11 Now" — March 2017.

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Upcoming Meetings: Mondays, April 3, 17 and 24 at 7 p.m.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg on Monday, April 3.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.

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Mayor and Council Approve Purchase of Body-Worn Cameras

RCPD Officers to Be Trained in Body-Worn and In-Car Camera Technology and Policy

Rockville City Police Department officers will begin using body-worn cameras as early as late May after the Mayor and Council approved a contract for the purchase of the body cameras and complementary in-car dashboard cameras.

The cameras continue the department's commitment to transparency and offer a new level of accountability for officers and the public. They produce a video record of incidents and have proven to be a valuable accountability tool for law enforcement, providing support for officer testimony during criminal trials and evidence for investigating claims of officer misconduct.

RCPD has worked with the City Attorney's Office to ensure a policy is in place that addresses privacy and other civil liberties issues.

"We have worked tirelessly

with the city's procurement and legal divisions and the information technology departments to ensure we were able to obtain the best price for our equipment, that we have sound policies and procedures in place, and that we had a data storage solution for the video files before we spent a penny," acting police chief Bob Rappoport said.

Learn more in the March 6 Mayor and Council agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

The 59 body-worn cameras – one for each RCPD officer – are an extension of the department's use of the dashboard cameras, which have been used in RCPD cruisers for over two decades. The contract approved by the Mayor and Council includes the installation of new in-car systems, which will be synchronized with the body-worn cam-

eras. All officers will be trained in the operation of both systems, as well as in the policy governing their use, before the cameras are deployed.

RCPD's adoption of the cameras is in line with a trend by national and local law enforcement agencies, including Montgomery County Police and the Maryland-National Capital Park Police. The department has monitored the implementation of body-worn camera policies nationally and by local partner agencies.

More information about the initiative will be provided through meetings with homeowners and civic associations and through Rockville 11, on channel 11 on county cable systems and at www.rockvillemd.gov/yoututbe.

Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❖

Sign Up to Receive Newsletter Updates on Rockville's Diversity Efforts

Community members who want to stay informed about the city's diversity efforts, can sign up for newsletter updates at www.rockvillemd.gov/diversitytownhall.

The updates are designed to keep the conversation going after the Mayor and Council's town hall meeting on diversity in February, which drew more than 150 people to address topics such as hate crimes, enhancing community policing, reducing barriers to government, communicating with young people and promoting inclusion.

Rockville is one of the most diverse communities in America. As of the 2010 Census, 34 percent of the 61,000 city residents were born outside of the U.S., with Asian residents making up the largest racial minority (21 percent), followed by Hispanic residents (14 percent) and African-American residents (10 percent).

Increasing the city's proactive outreach to diverse populations is one of the Mayor and Council's priority initiatives.

Find a recap of the Feb. 6 town hall meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube. Search "diversity." ❖

Final Work on Rockville's Budget Scheduled for April

The Mayor and Council continue budget deliberations this month with two work sessions and a public hearing that offers the last opportunity for community members to provide input on the city's priorities for Fiscal Year 2018.

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented the Mayor and Council with a FY 2018 budget proposal on Feb. 27. A report on the proposal and video of the full presentation are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube. Search "FY18 budget."

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to hold work sessions on Mondays, April 3 and 17. A final public hearing is scheduled for April 3. Find the proposed budget and submit comments at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. The budget, which covers the fiscal year that begins July 1, is scheduled for adoption on Monday, May 1.

The proposed operating budget of \$129.4 million is an increase of 2.5 percent over the total operating budget for FY 2017. The general fund budget, which supports the largest portion of the operating budget, is \$79.2 million, a 2.6 percent increase. It includes an increase of three full-time police officers, which was achieved by eliminating three vacant positions.

The city's current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY18.

The proposed FY 2018-FY 2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance, includes \$19.9 million in new funding, combined with a carryover of \$47.2 million to support 47 projects, including eight new projects. Among them are an expansion of the Lincoln Park Community Center parking lot, accessibility improvements at the Rockville Senior Center and stream restoration at Anderson Park. ❖

OFFER IDEAS

- At www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.
- At a public hearing the April 3 Mayor and Council meetings.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

- Monday, April 3: Public hearing on the FY18 budget and constant yield tax rate and work session.
- Friday, April 7: Public record closes.
- Monday, April 17: Work session.
- Monday, May 1: Budget adoption.

Meetings are carried live on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

Mayor and Council Hear About RCPD Enforcement of Immigration Laws

Hearing Draws Hundreds; City is Still Accepting Public Comments

Hundreds of people attended and more than 80 testified at a March 6 Mayor and Council public hearing on the Rockville City Police Department's role in the enforcement of federal im-

migration laws.

On Feb. 27, an ordinance was introduced that would add a section titled "Fostering Community Trust," to the city code chapter on human rights.

The ordinance seeks to establish clarity on the department's role by codifying existing practices.

To read the ordinance,

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STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer to be on a board or commission** at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information.

- **April 1, Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.*
- **April 4, Asian Pacific American Task Force** 7:30 p.m.
- **April 5, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee** 7 p.m.
- **April 6, 13, 20, 27 Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **April 6 Environment Commission Meeting** 7 p.m.
- **April 11, Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **April 12, 26, Planning Commission** 7 p.m.*
- **April 19, Sign Review Board** 9 a.m.
- **April 19, Rockville Sister City Corporation board** 7 p.m.
- **April 19, Cultural Arts Commission All Day**
- **April 20, Senior Citizens Commission** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr.
- **April 20, Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m.
- **April 25, Board of Supervisors of Elections** 6 p.m.
- **April 26, Human Rights Commission Meeting** 7:30 p.m.
- **April 26, Rockville Housing Enterprises board** 6:30 p.m.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to the Mayor and Council at 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280 or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Comm. (2)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Historic District Comm. (1 alt.)
- Human Rights Comm. (4)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1 caregiver)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (1 reg./1 alt.)
- Planning Commission (3)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (3)
- Sign Review Board (1 alt.)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.

MCPS Holds Meetings on New Richard Montgomery Elementary School Boundary

Montgomery County Public Schools has embarked on a boundary study to determine the area from which the new Richard Montgomery Elementary School No. 5 will draw students.

The school is expected to open in September 2018 on the former Hungerford Park Elementary School site, at 332 W. Edmonston Drive.

A boundary advisory committee began its work with two meetings in March and will meet throughout April and May. The committee comprises Richard Montgomery cluster coordinators with the county council of PTAs, representatives from the PTA of each of the affected elementary schools – Beall, College Gardens, Ritchie Park, and Twinbrook, and parent representatives from the Chinese Immersion Program, the NAACP Parents Council, and achievement action groups representing African-American, Asian-American and Latino students.

Committee meetings, which are open to the public, will be held from 7-9 p.m. at College Gardens Elementary, 1700 Yale Place, on April 5 and 25, and May 3 and 17. A meeting on May 9 will provide the opportunity for the committee to present options and get feedback from community members.

Find more information about the study and study meetings at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/rmes.aspx.

Community Kickoff Planned for Stonestreet Corridor Study

A study of the Stonestreet corridor will kick off with a community meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 2 at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

The Mayor and Council voted unanimously in February to move ahead with a comprehensive study of over 150 acres along the corridor. The study area covers roughly the east and west sides of North and South Stonestreet avenues, east of the Metro and CSX rail lines, from the northern edge on Westmore Road south to where South Stonestreet Avenue ends at Veirs Mill Road. The study will also build on several previous plans that have addressed the Stonestreet corridor.

The study will identify key sites for short- and long-term action, and will seek to strengthen relationships through outreach and engagement with business owners, tenants and neighbors in the corridor area.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreet study, where you can sign up to receive email updates about the project. For more information, contact Andrea Gilles at 240-314-8273 or agilles@rockvillemd.gov.



Rockville City Hall, circa 1962; white arrow indicates 'old' City Hall.

PARDON OUR DUST...

Rockville residents with long memories might know what's going on in this photo. Check page 8's "Back in the Day" ticker to learn more!

What Would Your Community Do with \$1,000?

April 15 is the Deadline for ROC-N Grant Applications

Neighborhood associations could receive up to \$1,000 in a matching grant for projects promoting community involvement.

Applications are being accepted through Saturday, April 15 for Rockville's Organizing Communities and Neighborhoods (ROC-N) Matching Grant Program. The program is designed to support and empower neighborhood associations and encourage participation by community members. Projects must address one or more of the following:

- Neighborhood outreach and organizing.
 - Social events aimed at fostering community pride.
 - Neighborhood crime prevention.
 - Neighborhood preservation.
 - The acquisition of technology or supplies to support an existing community program.
 - Neighborhood planning.
- Qualified neighborhood organizations, including

PTAs, could receive up to \$1,000 annually and must provide a cash or in-kind match equal to or greater than the grant amount requested. Applications are accepted twice a year, in April and October. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Funding is limited.

Projects are evaluated based on the neighborhood's ability to provide a funding match, the level of community involvement, project readiness and the tangible neighborhood benefit. Projects are evaluated and selected for funding by a committee of City of Rockville staff.

The ROC-N Matching Grant Program is built on the premise that people who live in a neighborhood are its most valuable resource and are best able to identify the community's needs, make improvements or solve problems.

Find more information and applications at www.rockvillemd.gov/ROC-N Grant or call 240-314-8340. ✦

Bikeway Master Plan Adoption Scheduled for April 3

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the city's Bikeway Master Plan on Monday, April 3. To learn more about the plan, which guides planning of the city's bicycle facility network, find the April 3 Mayor and Council agenda when it is posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/bikewaymasterplan. ✦



Hearing

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find the March 6 Mayor and Council agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Select the television icon next to the agenda item listing for vid-

eo of the hearing.

The Mayor and Council continue to accept comments in writing to city clerk@rockvillemd.gov or to: City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. ✦

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Police Major Returns from FBI National Academy Over is 1 of 2 Current RCPD Officers to Complete Prestigious Program at Quantico

It wasn't your usual business trip.

Rockville police Maj. Eric Over recently spent 10 weeks at the FBI National Academy. He and 226 other officers from around the world completed coursework in intelligence theory, understanding terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communications, leadership and forensic science. "NA," as it is known in law enforcement circles, also includes a final fitness test known as the Yellow Brick Road – a grueling 6.1-mile run through a hilly, wooded, obstacle-laden trail built by the Marines, whose base at Quantico, Virginia is the academy's home.

Over, who graduated March 17, said the experience "exceeded my expectations." Attendees live at the academy and share knowledge with each other. "The wide range of training we received,

coupled with shared ideas, techniques and experiences, created lifelong partnerships that transcend state and national borders," he said.

The academy was established in 1935 in response to a Hoover administration report that recommended centralized training to standardize and professionalize law enforcement agencies across the United States.

Officers are nominated by their agency to attend, though just 1 percent of law enforcement personnel nationally have the opportunity. Over is the third Rockville City Police Department officer to graduate the program, along with acting Chief Bob Rappoport and former Chief Terrance N. Treschuk.

Over said he plans to put the processes he learned to work at the RCPD, where he oversees the Public Safety Communications Center, neighborhood services, code enforcement and community



Maj. Eric Over

enhancement, the citywide security system and fiscal management, among other duties.

A Thomas S. Wootton High School graduate who attended Montgomery College and served in the Marine Corps, Over cites a love of Rockville as the reason for his 28 years of service on the city's police force.

"Rockville is my home and I have a vested personal interest in preserving the quality of life for others that I have experienced in my lifetime here," he said. ✦

Rockville Police Offer Rabies Clinics

Rabies vaccination clinics are held on the third Sunday of each month through September from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, in Derwood.

The City of Rockville requires all dogs, cats and ferrets older than 4 months to be vaccinated for rabies and to have a current city license.

The clinics offer free or discounted rabies vaccinations after pet licenses are purchased at the clinic for City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County pets. Reduced license fees are available for handicapped individuals, public assistance recipients and those 60 years of age or older. All animals must be leashed or in carriers and controlled to receive service.

Clinics will be held April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17. Call 240-314-8930 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rabiesclinic for more information. ✦



KNOW YOUR (HUMAN) RIGHTS: The city's Human Rights Commission, a group of volunteers appointed by the Mayor and Council, ensures equal treatment, free from discrimination, for people who live, visit or work in Rockville by reviewing discrimination complaints, providing free mediation services and sponsoring educational and cultural programs such as this month's diversity leadership workshop for students (see page 8). Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/hrc. See page 3 to learn how to apply to serve on a city board or commission.

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH IN ROCKVILLE

Rockville celebrates the 47th Earth Day, on Saturday, April 22.

The city strives to be an environmentally sustainable community that preserves its green spaces and continually reevaluates ways to reduce its environmental footprint. Find details, including how to get involved and live greener, how to invite an environmental speaker to your next community meeting and tips for helping the environment year-round, at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment. Mark your calendar for these events:

APRIL 1: Green Your Backyard Information Session. 10-11:30 a.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Learn about RainScapes Rewards and other city programs designed to help you green your backyard and reduce pollution, in this free information session. To register, call 240-314-8877 or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name, phone number and address.

APRIL 5: 4th Annual Montgomery County Energy Summit. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Silver Spring. Learn

more at www.usgbc.org/mcenergysummit2017.

APRIL 8: 29th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Stream cleanup sites include:

- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, 9-11 a.m.
- Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Maryvale Park, 812 First St., 10:30 a.m.-noon

City staff will greet volunteers. Gloves and bags will be provided. Student Service Learning hours are available. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. To register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877.

APRIL 22: Earth Day Celebration Campfire. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center. For more information and to register, call 240-314-8770. \$5 for Rockville residents, \$6 for nonresidents.

APRIL 23: Rockville Science Day. noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville campus, 51 Mannakee St. Visit the Croydon Creek Nature

Center table. Free. Find more information at www.rockvillesciencecenter.org and in the article on this page.

APRIL 26: Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony. 10 a.m. at Lone Oak Park, 1010 Grandin Ave. Join the city's Forestry Division and students from the Park Street Children's Center for a tree planting in recognition of Rockville's 28th consecutive year as a "Tree City USA."

APRIL 29: Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Safely dispose of unused or expired medications and help keep them out of our environment. For more information, call Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922.

APRIL 29: Spring Festival with Native Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center. *Learn more in the article on page 8.*

Find more details, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/earthmonth. +

Earth Month with Peerless Rockville 'Emancipation to Integration' Series Continues

Peerless Rockville celebrates Earth Month with a tour of the Pepco WaterShed Sustainability Center and continues its "Emancipation to Integration" series with events throughout April.

The WaterShed, at 201 West Gude Drive, is a solar-powered home that harvests, recycles and reuses water while educating visitors with energy-saving ideas they can apply in their own home, from native-plant landscaping to high-efficiency HVAC systems. The free tour will be 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8. Space is limited. Registration is required. To reserve a spot, use the information below to contact Peerless, or visit <https://goo.gl/eBSTgV>.

Peerless's "Emancipation to Integration" series continues this month with:

- Thurgood Marshall &

William Gibbs: Civil Rights in Rockville at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square.

- **A screening of Aviva Kempner's "Rosenwald"** at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 in the Crockett Theater, Room 3241, Building III, at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive. Tickets are \$5 (free to USG students) and available at <https://goo.gl/w7C6Qy>.

- **Remembering the Carver Years** at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21 at the Carver Educational Services Center auditorium, 850 Hungerford Drive. Registration is requested for each event. Visit www.peerlessrockville.org, call 301-762-0096 or email info@peerlessrockville.org. +

Six Easy Steps to Create a Certified Wildlife Habitat



PROVIDE FOOD
Add native plants that have nectar, fruits and seeds – this provides diverse food supplies throughout the year.



SUPPLY WATER
Water gardens, bird baths and even puddles are valuable water sources for drinking and bathing.



CREATE COVER
Cover, such as rock piles or evergreens, provides protection from weather, predators and people.



PROVIDE PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG
Many of the places wildlife use for cover, like trees or shrubs, are also ideal locations to raise young.



GARDEN SUSTAINABLY
Choose wildlife-friendly landscaping methods and reduce the use of lawn chemicals to support clean, safe drinking water for people and wildlife.



GET CERTIFIED
Show it proudly and help spread the word!
Certify your yard or land!

Rockville was named the 88th National Wildlife Federation-certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the United States in 2016. To learn more, visit RockvilleReports.com and search "wildlife." Follow the steps above to make your yard a certified wildlife habitat.

Rockville Science Day Returns with Robotics, Rockets and More

The 28th annual Rockville Science Day offers a chance to experience science hands-on with exhibits from over 90 local organizations and businesses, featuring animals, astronomy, biology, chemistry, the environment, robotics and rockets.

The annual Rockville tradition is free and will be held from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 23 at Montgomery College's Rockville campus, at 51 Mannakee St. The Mayor and Council were scheduled to issue a proclamation during their meeting on Monday, March 27 recognizing Science Day.

Learn more and register to exhibit at <http://rockvillesciencecenter.org/rockville-science-day>.

Science Day is sponsored by the Rockville Science Center, a nonprofit supported by the generous donations of its members and sponsors. Visit <http://rockvillesciencecenter.org> to learn more.

Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation Moves Forward

Rehabilitation of the Hunting Hill water storage tank, located near Lakewood Country Club, is underway.

The city's contractor, Horizon Brothers Painting Corporation, has begun metal and electrical repairs, and is preparing to paint the inside and outside of the tank. A containment system has been erected outside the tank, at 13890 Glen Mill Road, to protect surrounding property from dust and debris generated by the removal of the exterior coating. Work is expected to be completed by early summer 2017.

Work on a second tank, which is located on Luckett Street, across from Beall Elementary School, is scheduled to begin this summer and take three to six months to complete. The city will hold a meeting with neighborhood residents and school officials about the Luckett Street tank at a date and time to be announced.

The rehabilitation projects include safety upgrades, repairs and/or replacement of the steel roof supports, and interior and exterior work to remove existing paint. The projects will significantly extend the life of the tanks, maintaining the safety and reliability of the city's water system and resulting in long-term cost savings for city taxpayers.

For more information, contact project manager Ilene Lish at ilish@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8516.



Dogwood Stream Restored

Construction of the Dogwood Stream Restoration Project in the north end of Dogwood Park, between Monroe Street and Cabin John Parkway, was completed in January.

Planting of approximately 200 trees and over 300 shrubs is scheduled for this spring. The project included restoring 1,400 linear feet of stream to prevent erosion adjacent to private property in the Waddington Park community. It also stabilized two storm drain outfalls and protected sanitary sewer infrastructure.

Find a Rockville 11 report about the project at www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube. Search "Dogwood."

For more information, contact Jim Woods at jwoods@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8521.



MAKE EARTH DAY EVERY DAY: Earth Day is April 22, but living in the City of Rockville offers opportunities to help the Earth every day. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling and check your trash for rogue recyclables. Purchase locally grown food at the Rockville Farmers Market (www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers – the season begins May 13). Get involved with the city's Environment Commission (www.rockvillemd.gov/environmentcommission). Learn more at <http://bit.ly/RkvEnviroTips>.

Get Set for the Suds & Soles 5K

Lace up your running shoes and get registered to run because the Suds & Soles 5K returns to Rockville Town Center this June.

After the success of last year's inaugural race, the Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville are teaming up again to present Suds & Soles at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. This 5K course on neighborhood roads begins and ends in Town Center with a post-race party featuring live music and the opportunity to sample great beverages from a commemorative mug. The KidZone, for children 9 and under, will feature a kids fun run, children's activities and light refreshments.

Proceeds benefit the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc.'s Rockville Recreation Fund and MCRRC's youth and beginning running programs. Learn more about the Rockville Recreation Fund at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/financialassistance.

Learn more about the race, and get registered, at www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles.

Broadway and Improv Play, This Month at the F. Scott Theater

Wine and Improv is back at the Glenview Mansion cottage on Thursday, Feb. 16. Theater professional Stephanie Phelan leads an improv workshop at 7 p.m. No experience necessary. Tickets are \$35 for individuals, \$60 for couples, and include a glass of wine, but you must be 21 or older and bring an ID. Don't miss this "Bethesda Magazine" pick for "Best Date Night Activities."

The Rockville Concert Band and Music Director John Saint Amour present a multimedia journey of great Broadway musicals with "Music for All Ages: Broadway on Film," 3 p.m., Sunday, April 2 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. No tickets are required to attend, but a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, call 240-314-8681. To learn more about the concert band, visit rocknet.org/Leisure/Band.

To purchase tickets for these and other events and performances, or to see an upcoming schedule of shows at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, visit www.rockvillemd.com/theatre.



Spring is Here, and it's Time to Swim

Spring and summer swimming lessons for small children to adults are now available at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

"One of the most amazing things to learn to do as an individual is to learn how to be safe in the water," Swim and Fitness Center Superintendent Adam Goldstein told Rockville 11. "It truly is something that will carry with you for the rest of your life."

Swim programs run in the mornings, daytime and evenings. The center has two indoor pools, as well as a fitness room, open seven days a week. Check the facility's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for program and drop-in hours.

"Whether you prefer to exercise on land or in the pool, we've got something for you," Goldstein said.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter. To see Rockville 11's video on the center, go to www.youtube.com/cityofrockville, and search for "Rockville Swim and Fitness Center."



Vicki Aversa, sculpture.

A-RTS Festival Returns to Town Square in May

The Fifth Annual A-RTS at Rockville Town Square Arts Festival returns in May for two days of art, food and live music.

The free festival will transform the streets surrounding Town Square Plaza into an outdoor art gallery, featuring more than 160 nationally recognized artists from across the country working in ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and mixed media.

The festival will be held rain or shine from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 6

and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Live music will take to the Dawson's Market Stage at noon each day. Artisanal food vendors will line Gibbs Street, behind the stage, with offerings that include gourmet chocolates, oil and vinegar, and wine-infused sauces.

Parking will be available in Town Square garages.

For more information, including a list of artists, performers and food vendors, visit <http://a-arts.org> or find the festival on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockvilleArtsFestival.

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Playgrounds: Sports, games, crafts, and other supervised recreation activities. Offered June 26-Aug. 3, 9:30-3:30 p.m. in neighborhood locations throughout Rockville.

Teens: Leader In Training volunteer opportunities; Future Leaders, Skateboarding and Teens on the Go camps.

Pick up your guide at City Hall, Rockville recreation centers or the Rockville or Twinbrook libraries, or view online at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide.

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REGISTER NOW
www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation

Rockville City Academy: Get to Know the City from People Who Make It Work

Community members have the opportunity this spring to learn about the City of Rockville from senior staff who oversee the city's daily operations.

The highly interactive Rockville City Academy will include the opportunity to:

- Share thoughts with City Manager Rob DiSpirito.
- Tour city parks and public works facilities.
- Learn about development in the city.
- Discover how to get involved in the community.

The program will be held from 7-9 p.m.

Thursdays, April 27, May 11, 25 and June 1 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Participants will tour city parks and public works facilities from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 6 and May 20 and will be recognized at the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, June 5.

Spaces are limited. Participants must be 16 or older and live or work in Rockville.

For more information and to register, contact Hjarman Cordero at hcordero@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8344, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/academy.

Brooklyn Singer Castriota to Perform at April's Gallery Opening

Olivia Castriota, a Brooklyn-based singer and songwriter, will provide entertainment at April's opening reception for the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Last summer, Castriota released her debut album, "All At Once," which peaked at No. 2 in the R&B/soul category of the iTunes U.S. new album release charts.

Castriota performs at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 2, in the mansion's living room. The exhibition opens at 1:30 p.m. and features the work of four artists:

In "Delicious Moments," Jennifer Kahn Barlow immortalizes life's precious instances — family, friends, a great view or delicious treat — and has a passion for painting food and confections.

Sara Leibman's "Seasons of Trees" depicts the beauty of the earth primarily in oils, but sometimes incorporating media that includes collage and yupo paper.

Coriolana Simon will present a body of photographs that reinterpret classic still-life paintings of the 17th-century Dutch golden



Jennifer Kahn Barlow



Sara Leibman

age in "Time's Mirror."

Barbara Bell's "In Plain Sight" is about understanding our place in the natural world and our connections to its rhythms and cycles. Bell's watercolors attempt to capture elements of a world often overlooked by the casual observer.

This event is free and open to the public. The exhibition runs April 2-May 12. No tickets or reservations required. The gallery is ADA accessible.

The art gallery is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY ON ROCKVILLE 11
www.youtube.com/cityofrockville



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH?... April is National Autism Awareness Month. If you're in the mood for a rhyme, it's also National Poetry Month. Wondering where to read some poetry? It's School Library Month, too (and April 9-15 is National Library Month). April 16-22 is National Coin Week and Student Leadership Week; April 17-21 is Public School Volunteer Week; April 23-29 celebrates administrative professionals and is the Week of the Young Child.

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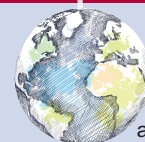
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April is Earth Month. Learn about all the events throughout the month on page 5.

FACILITIES LEGEND:

CC *Croydon Creek Nature Ctr.*, 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.

GM *Glenview Mansion Art Gallery*, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.

F&F *F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre*, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP *Lincoln Park Community Ctr.*, 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

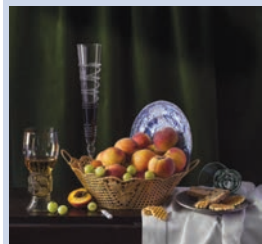
CH *Rockville City Hall*, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.

SR *Rockville Senior Ctr.*, 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

SFC *Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr.*, 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.

TF *Thomas Farm Community Ctr.*, 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.

TC *Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr.*, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



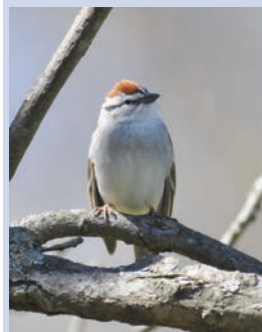
2 **Art Gallery Opening Reception and Free Concert** Olivia Castriota performs at 2 p.m. Watercolor, still-life photography and oil-on-canvas exhibits. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**



23 **Rockville Concert Band presents "Music for All Ages: Broadway on Film"** A multimedia journey of great Broadway musicals on film. Free; suggested donation, \$5. 3 p.m. **F&F**



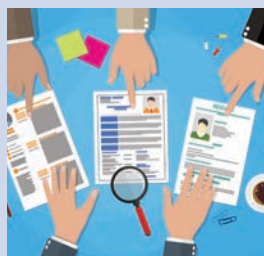
23 **2017 Rockville Science Day** Held annually on the Montgomery College campus, Rockville Science Day features a variety of science and technology-related exhibits, activities, games and demos. Noon-5 p.m. Montgomery College, Rockville campus.



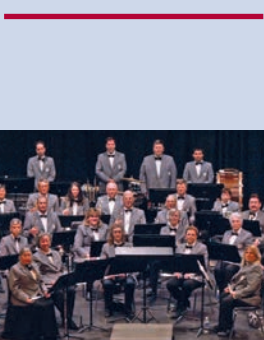
30 **Outdoor Science Club: Birds** Beginner birders investigate the basics of birding using binoculars to discover area avians. Ages 6-8 years. Register for course #59213. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**



3 **Mayor and Council Meeting** 7 p.m. **CH**



10 **Rockville Job Club** Create and polish resumes, write cover letters, apply for jobs and more. 1-3 p.m. Contact Toni Alexander, community services referral coordinator, at 240-314-8319 or talexander@rockvillemd.gov **TC**



10 **Spring Break Lifeguard Training Class** Certification in lifeguard training, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, and first aid. 9-1 p.m. @ Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course (proof of age required) and pass a pre-screen test. **SFC**

17 **Mayor and Council Meeting** 7 p.m. **CH**



24 **Mayor and Council Meeting** 7 p.m. **CH**

4 **Nature Tots: Backyard Buddies** Delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. For ages 2-5 years. 10-11:30 a.m. Register for course #59187. **CC**

4 **35th Anniversary Dinner-Dance** April Supper Club with dinner and entertainment by the Dale Jarrett Trio. 5-7:15 p.m. **SR**



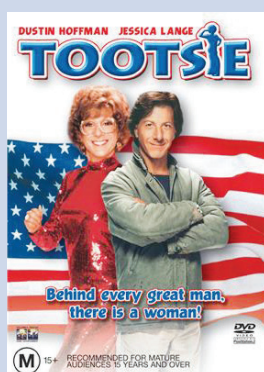
18 **35th Anniversary Wine and Cheese Open House** Transportation available for Rockville residents. Register by April 14. 5-6:30 p.m. **SR**



25 **Yoga Around Art** Join us for a free beginner yoga class in the VisArts Center and connect with the beautiful surroundings. Bring a mat and water bottle. Validation available for free two-hour parking. Registration required. 12-1 p.m. Course #58730. 155 Gibbs St.



5 **35th Anniversary Birthday Party** Entertainment by Goldenaires Band. 1:30-3 p.m. **SR**



12 **35th Anniversary Movie Day** 1982's "Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman. 1-3 p.m. **SR**

19 **A screening of Aviva Kempner's "Rosenwald"** A Peerless series on *Emancipation to Integration: 150 Years of Advancement in Educational Equality*. 6:30 p.m. Crockett Theater, Room 3241, Building III, at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Guldsky Dr. \$5 (free to USG students, <https://goo.gl/w7C6Qy>). www.peerlessrockville.org



6 **Little Acorns: Beaks and Feet** Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Ages 18 months to 36 months. 10-11 a.m. Register for course #59204. **CC**

20 **Little Acorns: Spring Babies** Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. 10-11 a.m. Ages 18 months to 36 months. Register for course #59205. **CC**



20 **Wine & Improv** Learn improv from a theater professional over a glass of wine. Tickets: \$35 individual; \$60 per couple. Ages 18 and older. 7 p.m. **GM**

27 **Mardi Gras in April, a Night of Jazz and Charity** A Rockville Seniors, Inc. fundraiser. The night includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. Register by April 20. 7-9:30 p.m. **SR**

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Spring Break Mini Camps

April 10-13 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten through fifth grade enjoy supervised programs and participate in crafts, organized games, sports and adventure. Mini-Camp also includes different day trips. Programs may vary slightly by location. Participants should bring a lunch each day and wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Register for course #58970; \$150/\$170
Lincoln Park Community Center

240-314-8780
www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc



21 **35th Anniversary Hero Walk** A two-mile walk to honor our local police and fire department. April 21, 10:30-noon **SR**



21 **Remembering the Carver Years** A Peerless series on *Emancipation to Integration: 150 Years of Advancement in Educational Equality*. 6:30 p.m. Carver Educational Services Center auditorium, 850 Hungerford Drive. www.peerlessrockville.org

28 **Screening of documentary "Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese"** (www.heritage-series.us/honor-and-duty) Wootton H.S. Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. Quick dinner will be provided in cafeteria, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (\$2 per person). Students can earn SSL hours.



28 **Jump With Cops** A night with Rockville police officers bouncing on inflatables; the second of three Stop, Drop, Play with Cops events at Rockville's community centers. Register for course #59254. 7-9 p.m. **LP**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation and camps guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide and sign up for courses by entering the relevant course number through Rock Enroll (rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov).

1 **Breakfast with the Bunny** For ages 2 and up, the bunny is making a special trip. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **TF**



1 **Morning Bird Walk** Spring is migration time for birds and the Hayes Forest Preserve plays host to several species. 8-10 a.m. Register with course number #59216. **CC**

1 **Thurgood Marshall & William Gibbs: Civil Rights in Rockville** A Peerless series on *Emancipation to Integration: 150 Years of Advancement in Educational Equality*. 10 a.m. Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square. www.peerlessrockville.org

22 **Nature Tots: A Bug's Life** Delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. 10-11:30 a.m. For ages 2-5 years. Course #59188. **CC**

22 **Community Yard Sale and Bazaar** Check out the bargains or sign up as a vendor. Register for courses #59256 (city-provided table), #59257 (additional table) or #59258 (bring your own table). Rain date is April 23. 8 a.m.-noon. Richard Montgomery H.S. parking lot.

22 **Rockville Sister City Corporation Volksmarch** Celebrate 60 years of Rockville's relationship with Pinneberg, German with a 5- or 10-kilometer hike. 8 and 11 a.m. See article in page 8. **SFC**

29 **Diversity Leadership Workshop** For Rockville high school students, teaching them the tools to recognize prejudice and isolation within their school and to promote inclusion and appreciation for diversity. 9-3 p.m. See article on page 8. **CH**

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO. AND MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR

Pinneberg-Rockville Relationship to be Celebrated with Volksmarch

Rockville Sister Cities Corporation (RSCC) will celebrate six decades of its relationship with Pinneberg, Germany, with a volksmarch on Saturday, April 22.

Participants must start between 8 and 11 a.m. at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martin's Lane, and should plan to finish by 2 p.m. The walk includes both 5- and 10-kilometer trails. The routes pass by several of Rockville's historic landmarks, including the Beall-Dawson House and Red Brick Courthouse, and St. Mary's Church and cemetery.

The free, at-your-own-pace walk is co-sponsored by the Seneca Valley Volksmarch Club, Inc. No registration is required. The cost is \$3 for those seeking Internationaler Volkssport Verband credit.

For more information, contact Brigitta Mullican by email at coburgl@verizon.net, or Carolyn Thurber, by email at cbthurber@verizon.net or by calling 301-926-0915.

Wootton High to Host Screening of 'The Mississippi Delta Chinese'

The Thomas S. Wootton High School PTSA presents a screening of "Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese" at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 in the auditorium of the school, at 2100 Wootton Parkway.

The 71-minute film tells the story of early Chinese immigrants who settled on the Mississippi Delta during the 19th century and steadily grew as a community in the early 20th century. Executive Producer E. Samantha Cheng will discuss the film after the screening. A light dinner will be provided, for \$2 per person, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Student volunteers can earn Student Service Learning hours.

Look for an RSVP on the PTSA's website at <https://sites.google.com/a/tswoottonhs.org/ptsa>.

Earn a Free Bike by Being a TERRIFIC Citizen

Students Grades 1-5 are Eligible

Rockville is giving away free bicycles in 2017 to students in grades one through five, and all those kids need to do to get one is to prove they're TERRIFIC — Trustworthy, Earnest, Respectful, Responsible, Involved, Fair, Industrious and Caring.

To be eligible, students must have a sponsor (for example, a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach or guardian) to monitor their progress fulfilling six out of 16 "good deeds" on a form, such as perfect attendance in school for one month, volunteering with a charity, picking up litter in a public place, or helping someone who is sick or elderly.

The deadline for submission of forms listing good deeds is April 8 (postmarked by that day if mailed). The forms can be dropped off at, or mailed to: Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

All successful participants receive a certificate for taking part and are invited to attend the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 1. Awardees receive their reconditioned bikes and new helmets at a special event, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Sunday, May 21, hosted by Rockville Bike Hub.

For more information on the Rockville Bike Hub, email rockvillebikehub@gmail.com or visit www.rockvillebikehub.org.

Find details and download a form at www.rockvillemd.gov/terrificbikes or call 240-314-8620.



THIS YEAR'S ANNIVERSARIES

- **70th, Montgomery College.** The Mayor and Council passed a proclamation March 13 recognizing the college's anniversary.
- **60th, Rockville Concert Band** The Mayor and Council will present the band a certificate of recognition at their April 3 meeting.
- **60th, Rockville Sister Cities and Pinneberg, Germany** Celebrations and exchanges are scheduled throughout 2017. See the "Volksmarch" article on page 8.
- **35th, Rockville Senior Center**
- **15th, Croydon Creek Nature Center**

Croydon Creek and Senior Center Mark Milestone Anniversaries

Rockville will mark two big birthdays this year — Croydon Creek Nature Center is 15 and Rockville Senior Center marks its 35th birthday. Both centers will have events in April to celebrate.

Croydon Creek will hold its **15th Annual Spring Festival and Native Plant Sale** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on Saturday, April 29. The entire family can enjoy hikes, games, crafts, a live animal show, face-painting and the

yearly native plant sale. The festival is free to attend, with no registration necessary. Croydon Creek Nature Center is located at 852 Avery Road.

Among several events planned for its anniversary in April, the Senior Center is inviting members and residents on a **35th Anniversary Hero Walk** to honor the local police and fire departments, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, April 21. The free-to-join walk is about 2 miles, beginning at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center (355 Martins Lane), and stopping by the police station on West Montgomery Avenue and fire department on Hungerford Drive to present a thank you card from walkers. Register for the event at the Senior Center's front desk.

Mardi Gras in April, featuring jazz, wine, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction for charity, also marks the center's **35th birthday**, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 27. Dixieland Express will provide the music. Free transportation is available for Rockville residents. Register by April 20. The cost is \$20 per person (cash or check only). See the calendar on page 8 or find the calendar at www.rockvillemd.gov for other event listings. ✦

Students Wanted for 'Building Bridges in a Diverse Society'

"Building Bridges in a Diverse Society," a dynamic, highly interactive diversity leadership workshop offered by the city's Human Rights Commission, returns in April.

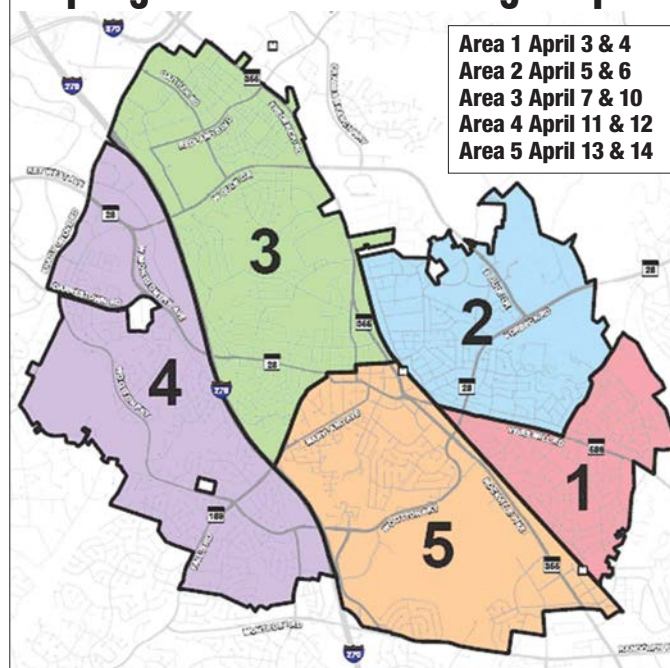
The free workshop, for students attending a Rockville high school or Montgomery College-Rockville, will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The curriculum is designed to help students recognize prejudice and isolation, appreciate diversity

and foster inclusion in their schools. Students of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to attend. Student Service Learning credits and verification of hours attended are available. Lunch will be provided.

Find an application at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights or contact Janet Kelly, the city's Human Rights Commission liaison, at 240-314-8316 or jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. For Americans with Disabilities Act modifications, call 240-314-8108, TTY: 240-314-8137 or relay 711. ✦

Spring Leaf Collection Coming in April



See interactive map at www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection.

City Forester Monitors Emerald Ash Borer Scourge

The Emerald Ash Borer continues to devastate Rockville's ash trees, with dozens of trees removed from city streets and parks, and more to come as the ash borer population grows.

EAB is a non-native, wood-boring beetle that is specific to ash trees and has killed tens of millions of trees nationwide. This pest feeds on the tree's vascular system throughout the summer and fall, disrupting the movement of water and nutrients within the tree and eventually killing it. The ash borer, native to China, leaves a unique "D"-shaped exit hole in ash trees that distinguishes it from native borer species. Once a significant infestation is identified, treatment options have proven ineffective in saving trees.

Once an ash dies, the tree degrades quickly and can become a danger to people and property.

Fortunately, only about 3 percent of Rockville's trees are ash species and most neighborhoods won't be affected. Ash trees in Rockville's parks are more difficult to locate and remove because of their more



remote locations. The city's forester is continually monitoring ash trees throughout Rockville, and takes quick action to remove them once an infestation is identified.

Homeowners with ash trees on their property should consult a state-licensed tree expert to determine the best treatment options. Preventative measures are available; however, they are only effective for trees not showing signs of infestation. The treatments can be applied every one or two years, depending on which product is used.

For information on identifying ash trees and symptoms of EAB infestation, visit www.emeraldashborer.info. For more information, contact City Forester Wayne Noll at 240-314-8700 or wnoll@rockvillemd.gov. ✦



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BACK IN THE DAY: In 1962, after eight crowded years in a 74-year-old house, Rockville city government was finally moving into a new, \$250,000 city hall building, bringing its 130 employees under one roof for the first time, according to the Jan. 15, 1962, edition of "The Evening Star" — even though the new office space wasn't quite complete. The now-vacant old house, which had been built in 1888 by Judge Edward Peter as a wedding present for his daughter, was due to be demolished as a fire hazard. (See www.rockvillereports.com to read the original newspaper clipping.)